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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Dong, Randall; lev99webb@icloud.com; Pittman, Jenny; Nelson, Jeff; Huber, Christopher; Hall, Roger; Grube-Lybarker, Carri; Dukes, Jerisha
Cc: PSC_Legal Department; PSC_Technical Advisory; PSC_Directive-Order-Hearing-Distribution-List
Subject: [External] RE: Conference Call re New Procedural Schedule for Docket No. 2019-281-S
Attachments: 2020-04-17 Proposed Scheduling Order.docx

Dear Mr. Dong and Ms. Dukes:

I hope you are both well and safe.

Please see attached a proposed scheduling order, which has been agreed to by all parties, for the Commission's consideration. I have reviewed the Commission's calendar and note that there are no hearings scheduled on the two dates proposed for hearing.

Let me know if there are any questions, revisions or concerns with this proposal. Thanking you on behalf of all of the parties, I am,

Sincerely,

John Hoefer

From: Dong, Randall <Randall.Dong@psc.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:57 PM
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Thank you all for calling in today. Attached is my report summarizing the call, which is prepared pursuant to Commission Regulation 103-839. Any objections to the report must be filed within ten days. If no objections are filed within that time, the report will be deemed approved by the parties.

--Randall

From: Dong, Randall
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:36 PM
To: lev99webb@icloud.com; Hoefer M. S. John (jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com) <jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com>; Pittman, Jenny <jpittman@ors.sc.gov>; Nelson, Jeff <jnelson@ors.sc.gov>; Huber, Christopher <chuber@ors.sc.gov>; Hall, Roger <RHall@scconsumer.gov>; Grube-Lybarker, Carri <clybarker@scconsumer.gov>; Dover, Becky <BDover@scconsumer.gov>
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Hello all:

We have a dial-in conference telephone number and code for you to use tomorrow at 2 PM for our conference call. Please dial 1-800-753-1965 and use access code 8065104#.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Randall Dong

From: Dong, Randall

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:02 AM

To: lev99webb@icloud.com; Hoefer M. S. John (jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com) <jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com>; Pittman, Jenny <jpittman@ors.sc.gov>; Nelson, Jeff <jnelson@ors.sc.gov>; Huber, Christopher <chuber@ors.sc.gov>; Hall, Roger <RHall@scconsumer.gov>; Grube-Lybarker, Carri <clybarker@scconsumer.gov>; Dover, Becky <BDover@scconsumer.gov>

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Dear Parties and Counsel:

Thank you all for your responses to my Friday email. It has come to my attention that the General Assembly's sine die resolution Wednesday will likely impact our discussions about the schedule in this docket. Had the current pandemic not intervened and disrupted everything, we would probably be seating several new commissioners on July 1; however, it is now uncertain when commissioner elections will be held. Depending upon whether the General Assembly decides to have the elections and seat new commissioners prior to the final order deadline, we may need to discuss how, if at all, the schedule in this case may be affected by changes in the membership of the Commission during the pendency of the case. With that in mind, would the parties be available to confer by phone on Thursday afternoon at 2 PM?

Thanks for your attention to this matter and for your cooperation.

Randall Dong

From: Dong, Randall

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:21 PM

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Dear Counsel:

In Order No. 2020-259, the Commission instructed Staff to contact the parties in the Palmetto Utilities rate case to establish a new procedural schedule following the Company's agreement to stay all proceedings in the case for 60 days. Accordingly, I am writing to ask when the parties might be available for a conference call next week. Please advise

me as to what dates and times would be best for you, and I will try to choose a time when everyone who wishes to participate in the call can be available.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-281-S**

IN RE:)
)
Application of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for)
adjustment of rates and charges for, and)
modification to certain terms and conditions)
related to, the provision of sewer service.)

**PROPOSED SCHEDULING
ORDER**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Regs. 103-836 and 103-837, in accordance with Commission Order No. 2020-259, issued March 25, 2020, and pursuant to the written consent of the parties thereto, the Commission hereby enters the following scheduling order governing the procedures henceforth to be followed in the above-captioned proceeding:

1. **Mediation:** The parties may request mediation be conducted at any time during the pendency of this proceeding, including prior to the lifting of the stay in this matter on May 18, 2020, with F. David Butler, Esquire, to serve as mediator. Should a mediation be conducted, Mr. Butler shall not consult with Commissioners or other Commission staff members with respect to any matter disclosed during such mediation to the extent that the disclosed matter bears upon a final determination in this proceeding.
2. **Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and Intervenors’ Direct Testimony:** ORS and the Intervenors shall pre-file their direct testimony by May 19, 2020.
3. **Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (“PUI”) Rebuttal Testimony:** PUI shall pre-file its rebuttal testimony addressing the direct testimony of ORS and the Intervenors by May 29, 2020.

PUI shall at the same time pre-file rebuttal testimony addressing the testimony of public witnesses who testified at the public hearing on March 19, 2020.

4. **ORS and Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony:** ORS and the Intervenors shall pre-file their surrebuttal testimony by June 5, 2020.
5. **Hearing:** A hearing shall take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 2020, and if necessary, continuing on June 12, 2020.
6. **Additional Public Hearing:** PUI shall file rebuttal testimony addressing the testimony of public witnesses who testify at any additional public hearings that the Commission may conduct in this matter within two weeks from the date of any such public hearing, except that PUI will be permitted to file verified rebuttal testimony no later than June 18, 2020, addressing any public witness testimony given on June 11 or June 12, 2020.
7. **Post-Hearing Briefs/Proposed Orders:** Post-hearing briefs or proposed orders, as required by the Commission, shall be submitted by June 22, 2020.
8. **Final Order:** An Order finally determining the application shall be issued with an effective date no later than June 30, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. Randall, Chairman

Florence P. Belser, Acting Vice Chairman